

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of determining an estimate for providing services to a customer, the method comprising:

accessing a database storing data specific to a customer's property;

identify the data specific to the customer in the database;

5 determining an estimate of the cost of providing the service based on the customer specific data.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising determining a service that is to be provided to the customer.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of  
determining a customer identification;  
using the identification to access the customer specific data.

4. The method of claim 4, wherein the step of determining a customer identification includes the step of determining the customer's address.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of identifying data specific to the customer includes identifying data specific to the customer's address.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of identifying data specific to the customer includes identifying data specific to the address of where the services are to be provided.

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7. The method of claim 1, wherein the database is a real estate database.

8. The method of claim 6, wherein the service is a landscaping service.

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10. The method of claim 8, wherein the services to be provided are one of lawn mowing, candy-stripe mowing, power edging, leaf collection, seeding, aeration, dethatching, upkeep, landscaping, mulching, and cleaning gutter.

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11. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of determining the cost further includes the step of adjusting the cost based on a factor determined from the database.

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12. The method of claim 10, wherein in said factor is the type of terrain of a location where the service is to be provided.

13. The method of claim 10, wherein in said factor is the square footage of a building at the location.

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13. The method of claim 10, wherein in the factor is a deck, pool, driveway, garage, parking lot.

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14. The method of claim 10, wherein in the factor is based on quotes for services of properties within the same region.

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15. The method of claim 14, wherein the region is one of a neighborhood or zip code.

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16. A method of determining an estimate for providing landscaping services to a customer, the method comprising the steps of:

accessing a server;

determining a service that is to be provided;

accessing a real estate database;

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identify data specific a potential customer in the database;

displaying a quote for the service to the potential based on the specific data.

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17. The method of claim 16 comprising determining a cost of providing the service based on the customer specific data.

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18. The method of claim 16, wherein the step accessing includes accessing a web page through the Internet.

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*20* 19. The method of claim 18 further comprising determined a service by having a customer enter information requested by the web page.

5 *21* 20. The method of claim 16, further comprising the steps of  
determining a customer identification;  
using the identification to access the customer specific data.

*22* 21. The method of claim 20, wherein the step of determining a customer  
10 identification includes the step of determining the customer's address.

*23* 22. The method of claim 16 wherein the step of identifying data specific to the  
customer includes identifying data specific to the customer's address.

*24* 23. The method of claim 16, wherein the step of identifying data specific to the  
15 customer includes identifying data specific to the address of where the services are to be  
provided.

*25* 24. The method of claim 23 wherein the service provided are one of lawn  
mowing, candy-stripe mowing, power edging, leaf collection, seeding, aeration, de-  
20 thatching, upkeep, landscaping, mulching, and cleaning gutter.

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*25* 25. A system for determining an estimate for providing services to a customer, the system comprising:

a database of property specific data; and  
a processor, wherein

5        said processor accesses said database to determine data specific to the customer in the database and determines an estimate of the cost of providing the service based on the property specific data.

*27* 26. The system of claim 25 further comprising a user interface for entering a service that is to be provided to the customer.

*28* 27. The system of claim 26, wherein said user interface provides a customer identification to the processor and the processor uses the identification to access the property specific data.

*29* 28. The system of claim 26, wherein said user interface provides a location of the where the service is to be provided.

*30* 29. The system of claim 25 wherein the services to be provided are one of lawn mowing, candy-stripe mowing, power edging, leaf collection, seeding, aeration, de-thatching, upkeep, landscaping, mulching, and cleaning gutter.

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30. The system of claim 25 wherein the services to be provided are landscaping services.

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31. The system of claim 30 wherein the database is a real estate database.

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32. The method of claim 25, wherein the cost is adjusted based on a factor determined from the database.

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33. The method of claim 32, wherein in said factor is the type of terrain of a location where the service is to be provided.

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34. The method of claim 32, wherein in said factor is the square footage of a building at the location.

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35. The method of claim 32, wherein in the factor is a deck, pool, driveway, garage, parking lot.

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36. The method of claim 32, wherein in the factor is based on quotes for services of properties within the same region.

~~38~~ The system of ~~claim~~ 37 wherein service providers are granted access based on a region licensed to the service provider.

**The following are some of the most common types of fraud:**